

# Thalhimer's Easter Opening.

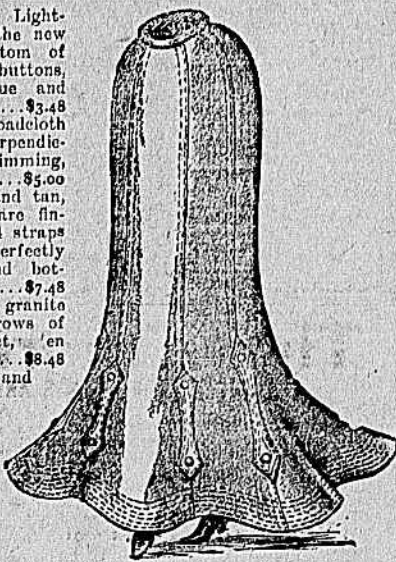
## ... Our New Easter Suits ...

We have the most striking and bewitching creations in Tailor-Made Suits. You have but to glance at the enormous array of clever creations to realize that we are the style leaders in suits.

Tailor Made Suits, all-wool granite cloth, blouse jackets, shoulder capes, piped with satin, blouse finished with cut-steel buttons, full puff sleeves and flared skirts, ..... \$10.00  
English Walking Suits, light gray mixtures, nobby double-breasted jackets, taffeta lined, perfectly tailored skirts, ..... \$15.00  
Louis XIV Suits, cloth and tulle jackets, finished with shoulder capes and nicely trimmed, tucked and tunic skirts, ..... \$25.00 and \$30.00  
High Grade Novelty Suits, in fancy mixtures, copies of imported models, at most moderate prices.

## ... Good Skirt Bargains ...

OUR LEADER—All-Wool, Light-Weight Melton Skirts, cut in the new 7-gore flare, lapped seams, bottom of flare trimmed with straps and buttons, well tailored, colors gray, blue and black, LIKE CUT, ..... \$3.48  
All-Wool Cheviot and Broadcloth Skirts, unlined, trimmed with perpendicular taffeta bands and hip trimmings, splendid values, at, ..... \$2.00  
Walking Skirts, colors gray and tan, broken checks, 9-gored flare, flare finished at bottom with 2, 3 and 4 straps and buttons, graduated effect, perfectly tailored, nicely stitched around bottom, ..... \$7.48  
Dress Skirts, in the popular granite cloth, panel front, 3 circular rows of silk fagotting, tunic effect, in train, ..... \$8.48  
See our line of Imported Voile and Etamine Skirts, up-to-date styles, ..... \$2.50 to \$5.00  
Skirts, Revers and Suits for girls from 6 to 14 years a specialty.  
Peter Thompson Suits, sizes 6 to 18 years, cheviot and cloth, ..... \$5.00 to \$12.50  
Misses' Tailor-Made Suits ..... \$10.00 to \$40.00  
Girls' and Misses' Cloth Revers and Taffeta Coats, ..... \$2.48 to \$12.50  
Three special values in Misses' Skirts:  
All-Wool Navy Cheviot Skirts, prettily trimmed with straps and braid, ..... \$2.98  
Light-Weight Melton Skirts, 7-gored flare, strapped seams, gray, tan and cadet, ..... \$3.48  
Cloth Skirts, black and light navy, each seam piped with taffeta, finished at bottom with straps and buttons, ..... \$5.00



## ... Newest Silk Waists ...

Unlined White and Light Blue Taffeta Waists, cut full, with cream inserting belt in yoke back and front, lace collar and cuffs, new and effective, at, ..... \$5.00  
Extra values in Black Peau de Cygne Waists, fine tucked effect, forming box plaits in front and tab ends, with fancy crocheted ornaments, full sleeves and new collar, at, ..... \$3.48  
Exquisite Novelties in White and Light Blue Silk and Allover Lace, copied after imported models, at, ..... \$12.50 and \$15.00

# A GRAND DISPLAY OF LADIES' WEAR.

To-morrow all the smartest creations in women's finest wearing apparel will be on display. The most exquisite showing ever made. In its scope, in its variety, in its richness, this assemblage will irresistibly attract the smart dressers of Richmond, and not only will it be attractive from its style exclusiveness and grandeur, but its price lowness.

## Thalhimer's Millinery Department.

### Easter

### ... Approaching ...

And all feminine eyes focussed on dress, WITH THE HAT AS THE PINNACLE! The fashionable world has been talking and thinking and dreaming Hats of late. The greatest Hat productions of the greatest European milliners are here for you to admire and to buy.

Our own milliners have been on edge for weeks in their intense desire to express in a finished Hat some exquisite dream they had hoped to realize.

There is nothing too fine for us to buy—nothing too exquisite for us to copy.

We are proud of our showing, but prouder of our low pricing.

### Smart Effects in Shirt-Waist Hats

will be one of the special features for to-morrow's showing. RICHMOND'S FOREMOST MILLINERY EXHIBIT.



### ... First Spring Lace Sale ...

#### Sale of Black Dress Nets.

of the finest Imported Laces, at lower prices than are usually asked for common kinds. We have the largest assortment of Cluny in white, real and ecru shades—over 1,000 yards and 75 different designs, and 900 yards of Antique Belgium Laces and 67 designs. There are also 250 yards of Black and Cream Yak Laces, the hobby of exclusive dressmakers. Timely arrival in the Lace market gave us an unusual opportunity, and we succeeded in getting an importer's line of Plauen and St. Gall Venise Made Bands, Insertions, Edges and Gallions, in ecru, cream and white, at much less than prevailing prices.

\$1.75 and \$1.50 Black Fillet and Striped Nets, this week, yard, ..... \$1.00  
Black Lataca Nets, plain and dotted, \$1.50 and \$1.60 qualities, for the yard, ..... 75c and \$1.00

### Specialties Shown in Our White and Wash Goods Store.

#### White Goods.

White Mercerized Vestings for Waists.  
Mercerized Stripes and Figured Oxford.  
Figured Damask, large and small patterns.  
40 pieces Mercerized Striped Madras, 32 inches wide, good 18 and 20c values, for 12½c.  
Dimities, sheer and very fine patterns, extra values, for 12½c. yard.  
English Long Cloth, 36 inches wide, "12 yards to piece," good \$1.25 value, for \$1.00 piece.

#### Wash Goods.

32-inch Madras, regular 16 2-3c. quality, in beautiful patterns, at 12½c. yard.  
Satin-Stripe Madras, white grounds with neat black patterns, worth 40c, for 25c.  
Beautiful 60c. Mercerized Madras, a handsome range of patterns, for 40c. yard.  
See our new line of 12½c. Percales, in beautiful, neat effects.

### Handsome Spring Wraps.

Cool days of spring necessitate a Wrap for comfort.  
Peau de Sole Capes, ..... \$ 8.00 to \$10.00  
Pling-Pong Coats, ..... 5.00 to 12.50  
Box Coats, Tulle and .....  
Peau de Sole, ..... 10.00 to 20.00  
Covert Jackets, all the latest models, ..... 5.00 to 20.00  
Black Cheviot and Cloth Jackets, ..... 5.00 to 12.50

### New Silks and

#### Dress Goods.

Our Silks and Dress Goods are all here and a great many new features for your inspection to-morrow. Some late arrivals in exclusive Novelties.

#### COLORED DRESS GOODS.

38-inch Silk-Finished Mohair, 60c.  
40-inch Plain Brilliantine, 75c.  
44-inch Mohair, with invisible stripes, 60c.  
44-inch Silk Mohairs, flecked and white, \$1.00.  
46-inch Silk Stripe Mohair, very beautiful, \$1.50.  
42-inch Flocked Etamines, \$1.00.  
44-inch Hard-Twisted Etamines, \$1.00.  
30-inch All-Wool Voiles and Mistral, 50c.  
32-inch Mercerized Pongee, very popular, 25c.  
27-inch Silk Mulls, dots and stripes, 37c.  
Special offering of 20 pieces 36-inch Wool Cashmeres, 12½c.

#### SILKS.

Shantung Pongee, in the natural coloring, 50, 75c.  
Peau de Cygne, in black, white and colors, 60c.  
Taffetas, made especially for lining, in black and a beautiful range of colorings, 37½c.  
Black Grosgrains, in the small and medium stripes, for popular warm weather, 40 to 44 inches wide, 75c. and \$1.00.  
Taffeta Silks, in white ground, checked with blue, green and black, 75c.  
Satin Foulards, in a lovely line of colorings and figures; also a few Striped Taffetas, with Louisiane finish, at 50c.  
Black Silk, with single and combination cords, 50c.  
Wash Silks, in stripes, in all the newest colorings, 30c.

### Crockery

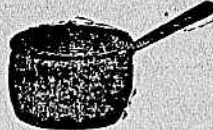
### Closing-Out Prices:

#### Dinner Sets and Tea Sets.

44-piece Tea Sets, nicely decorated, worth \$3.48, for \$1.09 set.  
7 Handsome Carlsbad China Tea Sets, 56 pieces, richly decorated, a good \$7.50 value, for \$4.98 set.  
3 Fine English China Dinner Sets, 100 pieces, were \$13.50 set, now \$8.00 choice.  
\$9.48 Prettily Decorated Dinner Sets, 100 pieces, for \$8.00 set.

#### Granite Ware.

6-quart Best Granite Saucepans and Sauce Pots, worth 65c., for 42c. each.  
3-quart Best Granite Saucepans, worth 39c., for 25c.  
75c. Size Best Granite Tea Kettles for 50c.  
1 1/2 Best Granite Ham-Broilers for 75c.  
Large 25c. Papier Mache Wash Basins for 15c.  
All sizes Tin Covers for Pots at 2c. each.  
Tin Pint Cups for 2c. each.



#### China Bargains.

12c. Decorated China Bowls, 7c. each.  
7c. Decorated Fruit Saucers for 3c. each.  
\$1.20 dozen Fine Soup and Dinner Plates, nicely decorated, for 7c. each.  
20c. Cake Plates and Salad Bowls, German china, for 15c. each.

#### Glass Bargains.

15c. 1/2-gallon Water Pitchers, 12c.  
25c. Large Crystal Butter Dishes, 12c.  
10c. Cream Pitchers for 5c.  
Lamp Chimneys, 3c. each.  
75c. dozen Fine Goblets, Fifth Avenue shape, for 4c. each.  
72c. dozen Crystal Lemonade or Custard Glasses for 4c. each.

## FARM WORK BACKWARD

Wheat, Oats, Grass and the Pastures Well Advanced.

### AN EXCELLENT HAY CROP

Only a Small Percentage of the Early Irish Potato Crop Has Been Planted as Yet—Housekeepers are Battering With Hawks.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., March 27.—While all manner of farm work is backward here, perhaps ever before at the close of March, wheat, oats, hay-grasses and pastures are much further advanced than usual at this time of the year. Notwithstanding the absence of snow the wheat, oats and the winter remarkably well, and have grown rapidly since the first of this month. These crops are further advanced and more promising now than they were at the middle of April last year.

As a rule, the forest pastures are in excellent condition for this time in the year. They are green already, and afford better grazing for cattle than they did at any time in April, 1902.

The early advent of grass is considered a "special providence," for in many sections, the supply of rough provender gave out a week or so ago, and, as a general thing, the cattle are weak and in poor condition. This is due to the fact that the winter was so open and mild that cattle did not relish dry provender, and did not eat with avidity, as they do in severe winters. Discussing the subject yesterday, a gentleman of long experience and observation said: "An open, mild winter is always followed by very poor cattle, and the reason is plain. In hard weather cattle and other farm animals have a good appetite and eat nearly all the time to keep themselves warm, etc., while in warm winter weather they appear to be languid and without appetite, and cannot be induced to eat largely of dry food."

All the present indications point to an excellent hay crop this year. Clover and orchard grass are unusually well-grown and vigorous, and the stand is remarkably good.

Only a very small percentage of the early Irish potato crop has been planted as yet. At no time prior to the middle of last week was the ground dry enough to admit of preparing and planting, and just as the farmers had fairly begun to plow up their potato ground, on Wednesday and Thursday, enormous rains came again and caused a suspension of all garden and field work.

The annual battle between housekeepers and hawks is well on a veritable proof that spring has come and that the

toothsome spring chicken is to be the "bone of contention" between the women-folk and the hawks. The sound of clapping hands and the time-honored yell of "Shoo-hoo! Shoo-hoo!" fills the land from the first of March that the first brood of chickens is put out in the sun until they are put on the table.

It is said that the damages done by the recent heavy rains amount to many hundreds of dollars in the Northern Neck. "The public highways are broken and gutted in some sections, they have not been in many years, and some of the most fertile fields here are little else than huge gullies. On some farms the soil of newly-plowed land was completely washed away, leaving the naked sub-soil to tell the tale of the heaviest fall of rain since the spring of 1899.

The cyclone that passed over this neighborhood Monday, leveling nearly everything in its track of thirty yards wide and nearly a mile long, has created a little dread of others, which, if feared, may come at any time.

Mr. W. T. Mayo, attorney at law of Hague, returned some days ago from Baltimore, where he went to perfect the organization of a joint stock company, formed for the purpose of operating a line of steamboats between Coan River, in the Northern Neck, and Crisfield, Md. With such a line established, the Northern Neck truckers would realize thousands of dollars more from their business every year than they have been able to do heretofore.

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Messrs. Laremore and Fauntleroy, of the United States Geodetic Survey, have been engaged for some time in surveying the Potomac River shore along the lower part of King George and upper Westmoreland.

The people of King George and Westmoreland are very much dissatisfied with the present mail service from Fredericksburg to King George, Va. The route is one of the oldest and most important ones in Virginia, supplying a very large number of postoffices and a vast area with mail matter, yet in rainy weather the service is very irregular and unsatisfactory. The mail due here on Saturday of last week did not arrive until 3:15 P. M. on Tuesday of this week, so that a large percentage of the newspapers and other mail matter was too old to be of any use when received by our people.

From Friday until Tuesday without mail, Mr. Ned Rawlett, of the King George C. H., neighborhood, and others, drove to Fredericksburg and back, crossing the streams without difficulty.

Mr. James H. Boggs, of this place, spent this week in the National Capital city.

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## BIG BUSINESS IN LUMBER

Mammoth Mills Billing Into Lunenburg Forests.

### MILL FOR SMALL TIMBER

Tobacco Plants Growing So Rapidly Farmers Fear They Cannot Get Land Ready in Time for Them.

#### GERMAN SETTLERS.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
MEHERRIN, Va., March 23.—The lumber business in this section of the country, has for the past two years been steadily on the increase and at present load after load of the best kind is hauled here every day.

Three years ago there was not in this portion of the county an up-to-date saw-mill that was run from one year's end to the other and employed a force of laborers over six or eight. And the great forest of fine timber stood unmolested. Several companies came here and went over these lands, and all seemed well pleased, but for some reason failed to locate. Over a year ago Messrs. Halley and Ward purchased a good share of this land and placed a large mill in the field, and since they have done a tremendous business in this line, cutting all kinds of lumber and ties for northern markets, giving employment to about twenty-five hands and buying all that is situated near them, thereby increasing the income of the various land-owners.

Several teams are kept busy hauling this timber to the depot, and cut after cut is loaded here.

A few months after this mill was established Messrs. Crawford and Company came in with their capital and enterprise and established a large saw factory, to cut up the small trees that cannot be used by the lumber manufacturers.

This mill is doing a thriving business, shipping car after car of fine staves to large northern concerns, and this industry keeps about twenty hands, and several pairs of horses are kept busy carrying this product to its point of shipment.

Recently Messrs. Miller and Miller, of Richmond, have placed a large mill in this field, and they, too, doing a large business in this line.

This vast forest of timber has been standing for a number of years, steadily increasing in value. Only a few railroad ties and a small lot of hickory has been taken from it. But now the ring of the axe and the shrill whistle of the monstrous engines that are used to cut the

huge trees to fine lumber can be heard from early morn until late in the day.

The farmers in this section are complaining that their plants for the past week are growing so rapidly that they are afraid that they will be unable to get their land ready for them by the time they are full grown. The weather has been very unfavorable for them to do anything towards preparing for this crop, and the recent rains with the warm weather has been pushing the plants very rapidly. Last year plants were very scarce in this section, and several failed to plant all the land they had prepared for this crop, and with this in view the farmers have made larger preparations along this line, and larger beds have been the results, more canvas used, and those who could have sowed earlier. And with all this the outlook for a good crop of plants is very promising.

Several German families have arrived here this week from the Western States to locate. Some of them have already purchased farms and are waiting the arrival of their furniture before they settle down to business. The better class of them are purchasing the best farms they can, and everything seems to be going well. Some of the German farmers, some of those who have been here for several years leave for other parts on the same train those who are new to the country, and are leaving a few days before the great crop of the year is planted. Several of the German families have already purchased farms and are waiting the arrival of their furniture before they settle down to business. The better class of them are purchasing the best farms they can, and everything seems to be going well. Some of the German farmers, some of those who have been here for several years leave for other parts on the same train those who are new to the country, and are leaving a few days before the great crop of the year is planted.

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## DR. M'ILWAINE ON HAMPDEN SIDNEY

President of College Sketches Its Long Career of Usefulness and Growth.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
FARMVILLE, Va., March 23.—Dr. Richard McIlwaine gave a most interesting and profitable lecture on the history and influence of Hampden-Sidney College on the educational life of the Commonwealth at Hampden-Sidney last Monday afternoon. He traced the history of the institution from its organization as an academy to the years just succeeding the Civil War, illustrating the influence of the college by the work done by the alumni as statesmen, jurists, teachers and ministers. The address was well received, and will do good if repeated in many other places. A large number of Farmville citizens were present.

The Young Men's Christian Association star course for 1904-05 came to a successful close last Monday night. The course upon the whole was the best this season that the town has had.

There will be a musicale by Miss Minor's class in the opera house on Friday evening, April 2d. An enjoyable evening may be expected by those who attend, as Miss Minor's capabilities as a musician and teacher are well known.

Dr. E. H. Harding's lecture on "Samuel Johnson and His Times" at the opera house last Friday night was well attended, and the large audience listened with great interest.

The arc drama at the electric light plant is out of fix, and an expert from Philadelphia has been wired for to overhaul it. The old engine formerly used it the plant has been sold for \$200.

A. H. H. Gilliam, who has been ill for several weeks, is reported better.

Mr. J. S. McIlwaine returned Thursday from a business trip to Georgia.

Miss Flora Thompson, who has been in Roanoke for several weeks under the care of a specialist, has returned home much improved.

Sinner Captain E. Scott Martin assumed charge of the Farmville Guard ten new men have become members.

Miss Berdie Cox, who has been relatives and friends in Farmville for several weeks, returned to her home in Winchester Friday.

Mr. J. R. Cunningham, who has been on a visit to his mother, returned Wednesday to Paducah, Ky.

A slight wreck on the Norfolk and Western near Iles depot Wednesday morning delayed traffic of both freight and passenger trains for a short time.

The Appomattox was as far out of its banks this week as it has been before this year.

Next Monday afternoon Prospect High School will hold its closing exercises, at



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Not

HAVE NEEDED GLASSES A YEAR AGO, THIS YEAR YOU MAY. CORRECT AND COMFORTABLY FITTING SPECTACLES OR EYE-GLASSES ARE ESSENTIAL. WE FURNISH SUCH ONLY AND AT MODERATE PRICES. COMPLETE OPTICAL MANUFACTURING PLANT ON THE PREMISES.

The S. GALESKI  
OPTICAL CO.  
Cor. 9th and Main Sts.



ter which the ladies of the Methodist Church will sell refreshments for the benefit of their parishioners.

Colonel W. W. Forbes is reported as being extremely ill at the home of Judge Watkins, near Farmville, which is sincerely regretted by his many friends.

As Strange as Fiction.  
The trouble with this drama at Buffalo, with its flirtations, assignments, conspiracies, divorce proceedings, murder and suicide, the Boston Herald, "Is that all so improbable and impossible. It is to say, that is what every body would be saying about it if they saw it on the stage or read about it in a novel. Some times, perhaps, fiction may catch up with what goes on in real life nowadays. Then people won't be so skeptical, and accuse the sensational novelists and dramatists of overdoing their plots and counterplots."